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SUBJ: REGIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER SEMINAR

1. POST HAS RECEIVED INVITATION FOR USG TO SEND
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN JULY 23-27
TOEFL CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY SEAMEO REGIONAL ENGLISH
LANGUAGE CENTER.

2. CONFERENCE OFFICIALLY ENTITLED "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
AND RESEARCH IN READING RELEVANT TO THE TEACHING
AND LEARNING OF ENGLISH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA." AS WITH
PREVIOUS REGIONAL RELC SEMINARS, THIS WILL BE HIGHLY
PROFESSIONAL IN NATURE AND WILL HAVE FOLLOWING AS
OBJECTIVES:

A. TO STUDY THE NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS
WHICH SEAMEO MEMBER COUNTRIES HOPE TO SATISFY THROUGH
THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE READING PROGRAMS;

B. TO SEARCH INTO THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN IMPLE-
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MENTING SUCH PROGRAMS AND TO SPELL OUT REALISTICALLY,
IN THE LIGHT OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND PREVAILING
CIRCUMSTANCES, THE ESSENTIAL FACTORS FOR SUCCESS;

C. TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT THE
ACQUISITION OF ESL/EFL READING SKILLS ACTUALLY ENTAILS
AND TO CONSIDER WHAT RECENT RESEARCH FINDINGS AND
DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO OVERCOMING THE INTRIN-
SIC DIFFICULTIES OF THAT PROCESS.

3. POST BELIEVES IT IS IN USG INTEREST TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE. OVER 250 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ATTENDING SEMINAR AND RELC CONSIDERED TO BE MOST INFLUENTIAL TOEFL CENTER IN AREA. WISH STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT ANY OFFICIAL USG PARTICIPANT BE KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONAL, WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIVELY TO SEMINAR PROCEEDINGS.

4. RELC ALSO CO-SPONSORING WORKSHOP ON "THE DEVELOPMENT OF READING ABILITY" WITH INTERNATIONAL READING

ASSOCIATION, JULY 29-30. REPRESENTATIVE WELCOME STAY ON FOR WORKSHOP.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY INTERESTED SENDING REPRESENTATIVE. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE NAME, DESIGNATION AND OFFICIAL ADDRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. ASSUME ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS MAY ALSO ATTEND BUT POST WILL NEED NAMES AND BIODATA ASAP.

7. DESCRIPTIVE MATERIALS SENT THIS DATE.
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